(e) National Policy on Education, 1986 envisages raising of resources, to the extent possible, *inter-alia*, by raising fees at the higher level of education. Commercial Banks have been providing need-based finance under the "Educational Loans".

Earthquake Survey conducted by Geological Survey of India

2621. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Geological Survey of India has taken up earthquake impact studies and post earthquake survey in the earthquake affected region of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government have taken on the study reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Geological Survey of India (GSI) have carried out post earthquake scientific studies in the earthquake affected areas of Uttar Pradesh. These studies cover survey and assessment of damages and the pattern of impact on houses, roads, land, bridges rivers and engineering structures and assessment of consequent damages and their pattern of impact on settlements and dwellings. The studies seek to delineate and determine at picentral tracts and iso-seisonal boundaries so that iso?seismic mars can be prepared for further studies.

(c) A preliminary report of the earthquake impact study carried out by ASI teams has been received by the Government. After receipt of final reports and their examination, planning of seismo-tectonic studies will be taken up for better understanding of geological processes and possible causes of earthquakes in the region.

Save KGF Committee

2622 SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a rejoinder letter from Save KGF Committee, Kolar Gold Fields, Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Mineral Deposits in Darjeeling and Sikkim

2623. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the mountain region of Darjeeling and Sikkim is rich in various mineral deposits;

(b) if so, what steps Govt. are taking to explore the possibilities there; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of survey carried out so far by Geological Survey of India (GSI), 42 occurences of basemetals (Copper-Lead-Zinc) have been located in Sikkim and Darjeeling Himalayas. Out of these 24 occurrences are located in Sikkim, where Rangpo Copper Mine is the only prospect under exploitation.

GSI has also planned for undertaking search for poly-metallic mineralisation in extension areas of Gorubathan-Rangpo-Munsong sector and